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Nabors, et al. ) Examiner: Le, K.  
Application No.: 09/188,863 ) Group Art Unit: 2761  
Filed: November 9, 1998 )  
For: A System and Related Methods Facilitating )  
the Identification and Purchase of a Product )  
Over a Data Network )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This response is presented to the Office Action mailed *March 8, 2002*. In light of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

**Currently Pending Claims:**

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

receiving a set of product attributes denoting a customer's desired product configuration;

automatically transmitting an automatically prepared request for quote (RFQ) to an automatically selected set of sellers, the RFQ including at least a subset of the received set of product attributes; and

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Remarks

Examiner Le-

In response to your Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please find a copy of our entire response submitted July 8, 2002, including a marked-up version of the amended claims (Appendix A, page 19).

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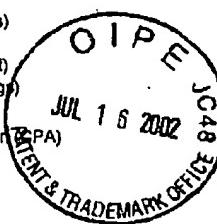
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